

Nondiscrimination Act and the Hate Crimes Prevention Act the law of the land.

"You know, since every person in America counts, every American ought to be counted. We need a census that uses modern scientific methods to do that.

"Our new immigrants must be part of our One America. After all, they are revitalizing our cities, they are energizing our culture, they are building up our economy. We have a responsibility to make them welcome here, and they have a responsibility to enter the mainstream of American life. That means learning English and learning about our democratic system of government.

"There are now long waiting lines of immigrants that are trying to do just that. Therefore, our budget significantly expands our efforts to help them meet their responsibility. I hope you will support it.

"Whether our ancestors came here on the Mayflower or on slave ships, whether they came to Ellis Island or LAX in Los Angeles, whether they came yesterday or walked this land 1,000 years ago, our great challenge for the 21st century is to find a way to be One America. We can meet all the other challenges, if we can go forward as One America.

"You know, barely more than 300 days from now, we will cross that bridge into the new millennium. This is a moment, as the First Lady has said, to honor the past and imagine the future. I would like to take just a minute to honor her for leading our Millennium Project, for all she has done for our children, for all she has done in her historic role to serve our Nation and our best ideals at home and abroad. I honor her.

"Last year, I called on Congress and every citizen to mark the millennium by saving America's treasures. Hillary has traveled all across the country to inspire recognition and support for saving places like Thomas Edison's invention factory and Harriet Tubman's home.

"Now we have to preserve our treasures in every community, and tonight, before I close, I want to invite every town, every city, every community, to become a nationally recognized millennium community, by launching projects that save our history, promote our arts and humanities, prepare our children for the 21st century.

"Already the response has been remarkable, and I want to say a special word of thanks to our private sector partners and to Members in Congress of both parties for their support. Just one example: Because of you, the Star Spangled Banner will be preserved for the ages.

"In ways large and small, as we look to the millennium, we are keeping alive what George Washington called 'the sacred fire of liberty.'

"Six years ago, I came to office in a time of doubt for America, with our economy troubled, our deficit high, our

people divided. Some even wondered whether our best days were behind us.

"But across this country, in 1,000 neighborhoods, I had seen, even amidst the pain and uncertainty of recession, the real heart and character of America. I knew then that we Americans could renew this country.

"Tonight, as I deliver the last State of the Union address of the 20th century, no one anywhere in the world can doubt the enduring resolve and boundless capacity of the American people to work toward that 'more perfect union' of our founders' dream.

"We are now at the end of a century when generation after generation of Americans answered the call to greatness, overcoming Depression, lifting up the dispossessed, bringing down barriers to racial prejudice, building the largest middle class in history, winning two World Wars in the 'long twilight struggle' of the Cold War. We must all be profoundly grateful for the magnificent achievements of our forebears in this century.

"Yet perhaps in the daily press of events, in the clash of controversy, we don't see our own time for what it truly is, a new dawn for America. Ten years from tonight, another American President will stand in this place and report on the State of the Union. He, or she, will look back on a 21st century shaped in so many ways by the decisions we make here and now.

"So let it be said of us then that we were thinking not only of our time, but of their time; that we reached as high as our ideals; that we put aside our divisions and found a new hour of healing and hopefulness; that we joined together to serve and strengthen the land we love.

"My fellow Americans, this is our moment. Let us lift our eyes as one nation, and from the mountain top of this American century, look ahead to the next one, asking God's blessing on our endeavors and on our beloved country.

"Thank you, and good evening."

At 10 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m., the President of the United States retired from the Hall of the House, followed by his Cabinet.

The Chief Justice of the United States and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court retired from the Hall of the House.

The ambassadors, ministers and charges d'affaires of foreign governments retired from the Hall of the House.

The SPEAKER, at 10 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m., then declared the joint session of the two Houses dissolved.

The Vice President and Members of the Senate retired from the Hall of the House.

¶2.31 REFERENCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On motion of Mr. THUNE, the message of the President, as delivered, together with the accompanying documents, was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 106-1).

And then,

¶2.32 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. THUNE, pursuant to the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 11, at 10 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 1999 for "morning-hour debate" or, under the previous order of the House, until 2 p.m. tomorrow if not sooner in receipt of a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 11.

¶2.33 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Filed on January 2, 1999]

Mr. TALENT: Committee on Small Business. Summary of Activities of the Committee on Small Business, 105th Congress (Rept. No. 105-849). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on House Oversight. Report on the Activities of the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives During the One Hundred Fifth Congress (Rept. No. 105-850). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Filed on January 3, 1999]

Mr. COX: Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China. Report of the Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China (Rept. No. 105-851). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. TALENT: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 68. A bill to amend section 20 of the Small Business Act and make technical corrections in Title III of the Small Business Investment Act (Rept. No. 106-1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶2.34 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. SHAW, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. HOLDEN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. COYNE, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. FORD, Mr. VENTO, and Mr. BALDACCIO):

H.R. 323. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance and to restore the exclusion for graduate level educational assistance; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEVIN:

H.R. 324. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain amounts received as scholarships by an individual under the National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.